GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF SILK
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the smuggling of raw silk is taking place in to the country due to its low prices in the international market ; and

(b) if so, the steps mooted by the Government to prevent it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Smuggling of Raw Silk takes place as duty evaded, provides extra margin of profit.

(b) : The field formations of Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods, including raw- silk.